way, Shri Chidambaram is doing the right thing. But, there are two more Ordinances, namely, The Employees Provident Fund Miscellaneous Provision and also Payment of Gratuity Ordinance, 1997. These two Bills are also pending before the House, but the Explanatory Statements for these Ordinances have not come. So, Sir on the one hand, Shri Chidambaram wants to place this Statement and on the other hand, the two Ministers are not placing the Statements before the House. These Ministers are expected to work under collective responsibility. The Government is not functioning properly...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI (Howrah): We want the D. M. K. to be out of the Government. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Can I reply to Shri Ram Naik, please? I will give you opportunities. Why are you not having even a small patience ?

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (Calcutta South) : We want to have a copy to the Report. We want to go through it. ... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: You wanted the Report to be laid on the Table of the House. It has been laid.

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (Howrah) : It is a contempt of the House if the Ministers from the DMK Party are continuing in the Treasury Benches. It is a contempt of the House. ..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumbai-North East): You give them permission to go home to study the Report. They may be allowed to go home. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I will come back to you. Shri Sanat Mehta, please sit down. You are senior-most Member here. Kindly sit down. Shri Mrutyunjaya Nayak, please sit down . I will give you a chance. You are also Naik, he is also Nayak. What can I do ?

SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA (Jungadh): He is Ran Naik and on that side, he is Khalnayak! ..*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ram Naik, the rule is very clear on that.

Shri Sanat Mehta, please sit down. I will call you later on. Let me finish this. Some formalities have to be gone through.

Rule 305C is very clear about any non-compliance of any constitutional provision or delay other reasons. In such a case, the matter will be referred to the Committee and it will not be raised in the House for discussion.

This matter which you have raised will be referred to the appropriate Committee.

....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Let the Papers to be laid be over first.

Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

Explanotory Statement giving reasons for Immediate Legislation by the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Ordinance,1997

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUSMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory Statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1997, under rule 71(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2380/97]

11.46½ hrs.

ASSENT TO BILLS

[English]

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table the following four Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the last Session and Assented to since a report was last made to the House on the 24th July, 1997.

(1) The Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) (Inapplicability to Major Ports) Bill, 1997.

(2) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (Amendment) Bill, 1997.

(3) The Appropriation (Railways) No.4 Bill, 1997.

(4) The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 1997.

(ii) I also lay on the Table a copy, duly authenticated by the Secretary General of Rajya Sabha, of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections, (Amendment) Bill,1997

11.46¾ hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Sixteenth to Twenty-fourth Reports

[Translation]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Allahabad): I beg to lay the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee (Eleventh Lok Sabha):

(1) Sixteenth Report on Premature procurement of equipment and delay in construction.

(2) Seventeenth Report on Heavy loss arising from joint venture operation.

(3) Eighteenth Report on Action Taken on 101st Report of PAC (10th Lok Sabha) on Avoidable or Wasteful Imports.

(4) Nineteenth Report on Action taken on 88th Report of PAC (10th Lok sabha) on excesses over Voted Grants and Charged Appropriations (1992-93) and Action Taken on 60th Report of PAC (10th Lok Sabha)

(5) Twentieth Report on Action Taken on 113th Report of PAC (10th Lok Sabha) on out-of-turn allotments of Government residential accommodation.

(6) Twenty-First Report on Action Taken on 100th Report of PAC (10th Lok Sabha) on Revision in the format of Union Government Appropriation Accounts (Civil).

(7) Twenty-Second Report on Excess over Voted Grants and Charged Appropriations (1995-96).

(8) Twenty-Third Report on Infructuous expenditure on purchase of water coolers and filters.

(9) Twenty-Fourth Report on The Advance Licensing Scheme.

[English]

....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Let us finish the item--Papers to be laid.

I could have been more accommodating to you. Please sit down. What is this ?

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK (Phulbani): I have a submission.

MR. SPEAKER: No submission now. Have I not told you, "I am going to give you a chance"? Can you not wait for one minute? Shri Sharad Pawar, please discipline your Member. This is not the way.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: No.You are not allowed. When I am standing, you have to sit down. When the Speaker is on his legs, you have to sit down.

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : This is injustice.

MR. SPEAKER: You are doing injustice to the Chair. I have been very accommodating. I have tried to accommodate everybody. I have already said it. Shall I take further action? Do not try to provoke me, please.

Shri Somnath Chatterjee.

11.48½ hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS
Thirteenth Report

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): I beg to present the Thirteenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Communications on Action Taken by Government on the Recommendations contained in the Fifth report (11th Lok Sabha) on "Privatisation of Basic Telephone Services" relating to Department of Telecommunications.

11.49 hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND WELFARE
Eighth and Ninth Report and Minutes

[Translation]

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR (Mumbai North-West) : Sir, I beg to present a copy of each of the following reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Labour & Welfare and Minutes of the Sitting ot the Committee relating thereto:

(1) Eighth Report on "The Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill,1997"

(2) Ninth Report on "The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provision (Amendment) Bill,1997.

11.50 hrs.

[English]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Reports

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Sir, I beg to present the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Standing Committee on Railways:

(1) Ninth Report on 'Railways Finance'.

(2) Tenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report on 'Redressal of Public Grievances by Indian Railways.

(3) Eleventh Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report on 'Re-organisation of Zonal Offices in Indian Railways'.

(4) Twelfth Report on 'Procurement of Wagons by Railways'.